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For: IMAGE SENSING APPARATUS EMPLOYING DARK IMAGE DATA TO  
CORRECT DARK NOISE (AS AMENDED)

**PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT**

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Sir:

Prior to examination of the instant application, please amend the above-referenced application as follows.

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

**Remarks/Arguments** begin on page 9 of this paper.